

**ATTORNEY GENERAL
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December 31, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Executive Order 2020-19 Progress Report

Dear Governor Sununu:

Executive Order 2020-19 directed this office to implement certain recommendations of the New Hampshire Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency (LEACT) within deadlines prescribed by Paragraph 8. I write to provide a monthly progress report as required by Paragraph 20.

1. Public Integrity Unit: The Department hired Attorney Dan Jimenez on November 30, 2020. He is assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau, Public Integrity Unit, where works alongside Senior Assistant Attorney General Timothy Sullivan as the second attorney dedicated exclusively to public integrity issues. As directed by Executive Order 2020-19, Paragraph 8, I submitted a request dated December 7, 2020, which estimated a need for \$577,000 in additional funding over the next biennium to achieve optimal unit staffing (i.e., 5 attorneys, 5.5 investigators, and 1 paralegal). This office is prepared to provide whatever additional data may be required to support that request during the budgeting process.

2. Community Outreach Coordinator: I continue working to establish a new community outreach position within the Department that will facilitate communication between state, county, and local prosecution offices and New Hampshire's diverse communities. On December 9, 2020, the Department of Justice submitted a request for the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to re-designate a vacant, classified position as the new Community Outreach Coordinator. DAS has agreed to advance the proposal to the Executive Council for its approval. We anticipate that the proposal could be on the Council's agenda by late January or early February.

3. Implicit Bias Training: This office hosted an Implicit Bias Training program on November 20, 2020. The principal presenters were District Attorney Jarvis Parson of Brazos County, Texas, and Mr. James McKim, President of the Manchester NAACP. We recorded the

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event for the benefit of those who were unable to participate on November 20. All Department of Justice employees have now completed the training as have all county attorneys and assistant county attorneys—save one who retired this month. Future hires in this Department will be required to view the recorded presentation within 30 days of hiring. County Attorneys are required to obtain my approval before appointing an Assistant County Attorney. I am now requiring that they certify each candidate has viewed the Implicit Bias Training video before I will approve their hiring.

In accordance with your order, I will continue to provide monthly updates on our progress towards implementing these LEACT recommendations. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY**

RSA 7:33-F

Name of Proposed Assistant County Attorney: _____

County: _____

- I certify that a criminal background and motor vehicle record check of the above-named candidate has been conducted and that he/she has no criminal record, or any motor vehicle record of significance.
- I certify that the above-named candidate has viewed the 2020 Implicit Bias Training video posted on the Attorney General's website (<https://www.doj.nh.gov/implicit-bias-training/index.htm>). The training was viewed on : _____.
- I also certify that this office has obtained confirmation that the above-named candidate is in good standing with the New Hampshire Attorney Discipline Office.
- A copy of the candidate's resume is attached.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

County Attorney for _____ County

APPROVAL/DENIAL

The request for approval of the named person as an assistant county attorney in
_____ County is ___ APPROVED / ___ DENIED.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Gordon J. MacDonald, Attorney General